(c) whether feasibility study has been made to reduce consumption of petroleum/ oil by an accelerated growth of indigenous power generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) About 20.80 MMT crude oil was imported during 1990. Crude Oil imports are effected both under Term Contracts and through Spot purchases. Spot purchases are not always relatable to specific countries.

(b) The imports and indigenous production of crude oil by 2001 AD will depend on the materialisation of the planned projects and the level of demand.

(c) and (d) Certain on going programmes like Rural electrification, Railways electrification and efforts being made in the direction of development of renewable sources of energy are expected to lead to savings in the consumption of petroleum products.

[Translation]

STOPPAGE OF NEW TRAINS AT RATLAM

905. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two new trains services are being introduced between Delhi and Bombay;

(b) whether there is a demand for providing stoppage of these trains at Ratlam junction; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 2953/2954 New Delhi-Bombay A.C. Express (Tri-weekly) have been introduced w.e.f. 1-7-1991.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Stoppage is not being provided.

[English]

PROVIDING OF HALT AT STATIONS (THANE DISTRICT)

906. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide halt at Dombivali Station (Thane District) for all passenger trains and at Thane station for all mail/express trains to and from Bombay VT for the benefit of passengers.

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to operational exigencies.

SETTING UP OF GAS BASED POWER PLANT IN MADHYA PRADESH

907. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 550 Km. long gas pipeline passes through Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the proposal to set up gas based power plants in the State is pending approval and if so, since when; and

(c) the time by which sanction is likely to be accorded for setting up of gas based power plants in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.